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1. SUMMARY: SECOND INSTALLMENT OF MAJOR CUBACK ON PRC EXPANDS FOCUS BEYOND US TO CONDEMN WESTERN EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL COLLABORATION WITH CHINESE. END SUMMARY.

2. SECOND (BUT NOT FINAL) LENGTHY INSTALLMENT OF HIGHLY IMPORTANT, AUTHORITATIVE CUBAN ATTACK ON CHINESE IS CARRIED BY GRANMA, JUNE 1. TITLE OF SECOND INSTALLMENT, REFLECTING EXPANSION OF
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FOCUS BEYOND DR. BRZEZINSKI AND US (SEE REFTEL), IS ENTITLED "THE GREAT TREASON OF THE CHINESE LEADERS AND THEIR ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCES."

3. ATTENTION OF SECOND INSTALLMENT CENTERS ON PURPORTED INTENTION OF NATO COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY US, FRG, FRANCE AND ENGLAND, PLUS JAPAN TO TRANSFER MILITARY HARDWARD AND

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PROVIDE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO PRC. REGARDING MILITARY HARDWARE, ONLY SPECIFICS CITED ARE INTERNAL USG STUDY LEAKED TO NEW YORK TIMES IN 1977, VISIT OF YANG CHENG-WU TO FRANCE DURING WHICH HE EXPRESSED "INTEREST IN ACQUIRING AIR-TO-SURFACE AND SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES", AND PURPORTED CHINESE ASPIRATION TO BUY HARRIER AIRCRAFT IN ENGLAND. ARTICLE ALSO LISTS AND RIDICULES RECENT US, BRITISH, FRG, AND JAPANESE MILITARY-RELATED VISITORS TO CHINA. PRC IS BERATED FOR SEEKING ALLIES AMONG NATO COUNTRIES WHO "SUPPORTED PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM" IN AFRICA, BACKED SOUTH AFRICAN "MASSACRES OF AFRICAN PATRIOTS", INTERVENED TO "SAVE CORRUPT AND BLOODY REGIME OF MOBUTO SESE SEKO", AND "BOMBED AND MASSACRED POLISARIO" IN SAHARA.

4. ON ECONOMIC FRONT, CUBANS MENTION APRIL EEC GRANT OF MFN TREATEMENT TO PRC AND CITE FEBRUARY 9 PRAVDA REPORT THAT EEC SPOKESMAN ALLEGEDLY DENIED EXISTENCE OF LIMITATIONS ON SHIPMENT OF STRATEGIC MATERIAL TO CHINA. CUBANS ALSO FOCUS ATTENTION ON FEBRUARY CHINA-JAPAN TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW "CHINESE HEAVY INDUSTRY, THE BASE OF MILITARY MODERNIZATION, ... TO BE FORTIFIED BY JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY."

5. CUBANS THEN MOVE TO POLITICAL ISSUES, POINTING TO SINO-JAPANESE TREATY WITH ITS "ANTI-HEGEMONY" CLAUSE AS MODEL OF ANTI-SOVIET ACTION THAT "SO PLEASES LEADERS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

US AND OTHER CAPITALIST COUNTRIES." THE "ADVISOR OF PRESIDENT JAMES CARTER" (DR. BRZEZINSKI) IS AGAIN CONDEMNED IN THIS CONNECTION.

6. EDITORIAL REITERATES FIDEL CASTRO'S CLAIM THAT CHINESE ARE COORDINATING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY WITH FRENCH, US, FRG, AND NATO "SECRET SERVICES". IT THEN GOES ON TO CONDEMN RECENT PEOPLES' DAILY COMMENTARY ON EEC FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW IN WHICH CHINA IS SAID TO PRAISE BY INFERENCE, FRG "WHICH HAS INSTALLED MISSILE TESTING FIELD" IN ZAIRE AS WELL AS FRANCE "WHICH HAS SUPPLIED NUCLEAR PLANTS AND ALL TYPES OF ARMS" TO SOUTH AFRICA. ON MIDDLE EAST, ALLEGED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR EEC LINE ON SADAT "TREASON" IS LABELED AS REBUFF TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, ALGERIA, IRAQ, LIBYA, SYRIA, AND PDRY.

7. COMMENT: BOTH FACTUAL DETAIL AND STYLE OF WRITING OF CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS SUGGEST STRONG SOVIET INPUT IN THIS SECOND INSTALLMENT. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER ATTACKS ON EEC (WITH WHICH CEMA IS NEGOTIATING) AND ON INDIVIDUAL WESTERN EUROPEAN POWERS (PARTICULARLY FRG) COINCIDE WITH CURRENT SOVIET LINE. PRESUMABLY, USE OF

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CUBANS TO CONVEY THIS MAJOR ATTACK ON CHINESE COULD BE
INTENDED TO FREE MOSCOW FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTENT
OF ATTACK. CUBANS AND SOVIETS HERE, HOWEVER, CONTINUE
TO MAINTAIN THAT GRANMA SERIES IS STRICTLY CUBAN PRODUCT.
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICIAL TOLD ACTING USINT
CHIEF, JUNE 1, THAT CHINESE HAD SEVERELY CRITICIZED CUBA
RECENTLY, AND WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT PRC SIGNIFICANTLY BOOSTED
TRADE WITH CUBA THIS YEAR, "MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD
ALONE."
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